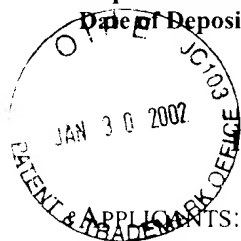


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks:

In the Specification:

Please insert the sequence listing pages 1-131 at the end of the specification.

REMARKS

In response to the November 14, 2001 Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, Applicants submit herewith an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing"; an initial paper copy of the "Sequence Listing"; and a statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. The specification has been amended to insert the sequence listing. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a one-month extension of time and the required fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No.